GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:771
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SPECIAL HALLS FOR X-RATED FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news- item captioned `X-tra special halls for X-rated films` appearing in the Indian Express dated June, 17, 2002;

(b): if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c): whether the Censor Board proposes to allow screening of X-rated films without cuts in special houses;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): the justifications for making changes in the Cinematograph Act, 1952?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Comments of Central Board of Film Certification

(CBFC) had been called for. CBFC has informed that the news-itemrefers to a suggestion received by the Board in connection with an exercise undertaken to recommend to the Government various suggestions for review of the Cinematographic Act 1952 and the Rules made thereunder. In the light of the objectives of Film Certification, the Government has advised CBFC that the stray suggestion received by CBFC regarding `XA` (X Rating) film certification is neither desirable nor in order and therefore need not be considered.